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Docket No. 215752US20

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Qiang LI, et al.

SERIAL NUMBER: 09/990,377

ATTN: APPLICATION BRANCH

FILING DATE: November 23, 2001

FOR: COMPUTERIZED SCHEME FOR DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN BENIGN AND MALIGNANT  
NODULES IN THORACIC COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY SCANS BY USE OF SIMILAR  
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**FILING OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(f)**

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SIR:

Responsive to the notification dated January 28, 2002, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f),  
Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration. The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

The Declaration enclosed herewith contains the following information:

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thereby adequately identifying the above-identified application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.63, as set forth in MPEP  
Section 601.01.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable  
action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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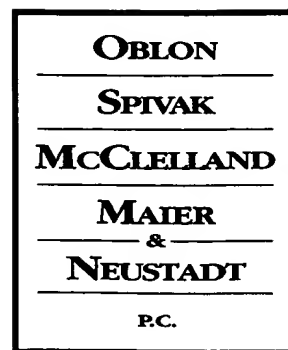


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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING  
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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Notice to File Missing Parts  
Filing of Declaration/Declaration

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event that any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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**NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

**FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

***Filing Date Granted***

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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